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Town Topics

WHAT OUR PEOPLE ARE DOING. ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP ABOUT TOWN.

"A City That is Set on a Hill Cannot Be Hid."

First class board at Poplar Tavern, at $2.25 per week.

More snow.

C. C. Lovejoy of Andover, was in town, Saturday.

Greenleaf Emery of Rigby, spent Saturday with his sons in our village.

Mrs. Stowe of Gilead, a former resident of Bethel, was in our village, Friday.

J. M. Brown and R. M. Williamson of Newry, called at the NEWS office, Saturday.

Our friend A. W. Grover, is about after enjoying a few days with the mumps.

The Literary Society will meet to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. Bisbee.

Geo. G. King who is at work with the Berlin Mills Co., was with his family over Sunday.

Mrs Aglena Farwell and daughters, Mildred and Nora were in Portland a few days last week.

Rev. F. E. Barton will preach at the Union church, West Bethel, next Sabbath Feb. 27th, at 2 P. M.

Judge E. E. Chase of Blue Hill, brother to Mrs. A. E. Herrick, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Herrick last week.

Three long train loads of cattle passed Bethel one day last week; it begins to look as though the G. T. R. would require a double track to accommodate their business.

The selectmen have posted the check list in the Post office and all persons who have recently moved into town and want their names entered will notify the Selectmen before March 5th.

The third degree was conferred upon one candidate last Saturday evening by Mount Abram Lodge, I. O. O. F. There are several more members awaiting degrees, and all brothers should make an effort to be present at every meeting.

At the M. E. Sunday school last Sunday the following were elected delegates to attend the convention of The Little Androscoggin Valley Sunday School Association, which was held at Norway, yesterday: Mrs. Ada Durell, Mrs. A. Hamilton, Miss Ada Coburn, Miss Addie Gordon and Mrs. Leona Morrill.

Valentine Social.

The magic words above called many Christian Endeavorers and their friends to Garland Chapel, Thursday evening. Strains of glad music greeted our ears as we neared the chapel, and within, a gay scene greeted our eyes. Japanese lanterns artistically suspended overhead, a great pink heart pierced by Cupid's darts hung between the parlor and main room with evergreens and fancy drapes were among the decorations. These, together with the dantily gowned ladies flitting here and there, made one feel that he was in fairy-land. Many friends were there although some invited guests were unable to be with us.

Presently a wand bearing a number and having a ribbon attached was presented to each person, with the request to find a "wand bearer" with the corresponding number to be your partner for a march. When all were happily mated, Miss Twaddle played the piano and Mr. Burnham Barker accompanied her with his violin. After the march, we were asked to hook a pin into our ribbon and to cast our "fish-line" over a screen that we might catch our valentine. Each fisher was rewarded with a valentine in the shape of a heart with an appropriate couplet thereon. The writer was cheered with the following message:

"A pink heart this, its rosy hue
Shall bring thee friends and lover true."

The reading of the valentines afforded much amusement.

Mr. Herbert Rowe gave several selections on his gramophone which were listened to by an appreciative audience.

Daintily prepared and appropriate quotations were given to and read by each person. "Consequences" and a grand search for "The Valentine" which was captured by Mr. Field were interesting features of the evening.

After the farewell march the guests bade the social committee good night, expressing their thanks for the pleasant evening afforded by them.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON,

Rev. G. B Hannaford of Rumford Falls, spoke of Methodism in Oxford county. His discourse will be published next week.

Rev. D. B. Holt of Bridgton read a paper on "Change in Methodism during the Century." He said: "One hundred years carries us back to the time when the echoes of the Revolutionary War had scarcely died away. Population has vastly increased. Territory has been acquired in vast tracts. Great changes have taken place in all departments of life—industrial and intellectual. The Methodist Church has been a progressive one; it has been in the field to save men and has been ready to utilize the most efficient methods for this purpose. The founders of Methodism builded better than they knew. The changes that have occurred have been for the most part natural. They could not be avoided. In the matter of doctrine we find little change. The Articles of Religion stand as they were framed by John Wesley. The reason is found in the two facts that Methodist doctrine is so simple, and that Wesley was far in advance of the religious thought of his day. Though some doctrines are made less prominent than formerly, none have been given up. Neither have there been many changes in the polity of the church, yet there have been some, among them being the making of the General Conference a delegated body and the limitation of its sessions to every fourth year, and the admission of laymen. The time limit was first introduced in 1804 when two years was made the limit. In 1864, it was extended to three years and in 1888 to five years; changes of a general character are more numerous. Preaching is less doctrinal; it has lost in some degree its directness and hortatory character and become more polished and sermonic. The revival spirit has declined among Methodist people as well as among Methodist preachers. Exhortation and prayer are less powerful. The old-time Quarterly meetings are unknown. The camp meetings and love feasts are less emotional. There has been a change in the brotherly spirit of the denomination; we are now less connectional in our organization. We believe this is a loss of strength; it certainly is so far as the weaker churches are concerned. The organization of the great connectional benevolent societies, such as the Missionary Society, Freedman's Aid and others, have involved some change in the manner of the work. There has been a change, painfully apparent to our older members, in the position of the class meeting which has been to a great extent crowded out."

The subject of the next address was: "The Modifying Influence of Methodism on Other Denominations." It was delivered by Rev. W. B. Eldridge of Norway. Millions of people were led by the Methodists into a happy experience and they have powerfully affected the other evangelical denominations and have had much to do with shaping their theology. The doctrine of free grace has almost entirely superseded the doctrine of election. The effect of Methodism upon the Established Church of England has been immense. She awakened from dead works to serve the living God. The fox-hunting parson is no longer wanted. To-day, men of the Wesley stamp would find a welcome in her communion. Methodism has also largely influenced other churches, both in the form and spirit of their worship. Women are now allowed freedom of speech which was once denied to them. We have given to the world some of the finest hymns, and they have been greatly influential in modifying Christian thought and doctrine. Methodism has drawn her converts from the world, but thousands of them have gone to other denominations to carry her revival spirit with them. Methodism has largely helped in spreading the doctrine of the witness of the Spirit. It has led to the general introduction of extemporaneous preaching. It has aided in breaking down denominational exclusiveness, so that fraternal delegates are sent and welcomed by all ecclesiastical bodies. But Methodism has also been powerfully influenced by other denominations. Something of the old fire has gone; the church is growing more conservative, and the question arises, Is this altogether a blessing?

Rev. Alexander Hamilton of Bethel then read a paper on "Distinctive Doctrines of Methodism." A general statement of her doctrines is to be found in her Articles of Religion. Methodism did not start upon its career with any new dogmas. It has built, however, a substantial theology of its own. The doctrines of Methodism are catholic, and in harmony with the general doctrines of the Reformation. Original sin is the fault and corruption of the nature of every man engendered of the offspring of Adam, by which man is very far gone from original righteousness. Without the drawing influence of the Spirit, man cannot turn to God. God freely bestows His grace to every individual. Methodism preaches Universal Salvation, defends the justice and mercy of God, by the adequate provision made for the whole race through the atonement of Christ. Assurance, another distinctive doctrine, is not stated in the Articles of Religion, neither is that of Christian Perfection. Yet Methodism gives special emphasis to them. The earnestness with which these doctrines have been uttered has made them seem peculiar to the denomination. The doctrine of Assurance is not peculiar to Methodism alone, but, in its essentials is found in the leading bodies of Christendom. It was earnestly preached by the early reformers. Wesley says, "The whole Christian Church in the first century enjoyed it." Christian Perfection has caused Methodism to be severely criticised because it has been misunderstood. Some have put it too high, others too low, and some by professing it, have by their indiscretions, been harmful to the doctrine. Its beauty has been obscured, but its nature remains the same. Methodism does not teach absolute or angelic perfection, but Christian perfection, that is, a perfect love to God. All are ignorant concerning some matters, therefore absolute perfection is impossible. Any person can be cleansed from all sinful tempers, and yet need the atoning blood for negligences and ignorances. Christian Perfection is that perfection in love by which the inward and outward conduct will be swayed. All denominations believe such a state attainable, but most of them believe it will not be attained until death. Methodism maintains that, as it is clearly taught, that this is God's will, that we should be holy in life, we should seek for it.

The meeting was dismissed with the benediction by Rev. A. T. Craig of Berlin, N. H.

TUESDAY EVENING.

The praise service was led by Rev. A. W. Waterhouse of Mechanic Falls, during which he sang as a solo "The Man of Galilee."

Rev. J. A. Corey read the Scripture lesson, John 15:1-8.

Rev. G. W. Barber of South Waterford, led in prayer.

Mrs. King sang a solo.

Bros. G. D. Holmes and A. K. Bryant were appointed a Committee on Resolutions.

A collection was then taken, amounting to $4.66.

Letters from the following absent brethren were read: C. A. Brooks of Yarmouthville, A. W. Pottle of Bowdoinham, J. B. Lapham of Kents Hill, B. F. Fickett and D. E. Miller. A telegram had previously been read from H. C. Wilson of Lewiston.

Rev. F. A. Leitch of Gorham, N. H., delivered the address of the evening on "Methodism—Its Progressive Spirit and Development." "Unprecedented in the annals of history," said he, "is the magnificent record of our church. Wesley was a scholar and a logician, possessing the power of a popular orator, the spirit of an adventurer, but above and beyond all, he was consecrated entirely to the service of his God. That it was which made him the efficient worker he became.

Methodism was a mighty power in lifting England out of ignorance and debasement. Great inspiration comes to us from our full-orbed theology. Theology is the most progressive of all sciences. Our experimental religion is on the ascendent and is destined to sweep the world into the arms of the Savior. Our great mission is to build up manhood and spread Scriptural holiness throughout the land. Our Discipline permits no flirting with the devil or love-making with his imps. No other denomination requires the high standard of living demanded by our church. There are more men and women led to Christ through Methodism than by any other two denominations. It lays hold of every instrument that may help onward to success. Wesley, when God led him out, was willing to go where God led him. He commissioned laymen to preach the Gospel. Our greatest enemy is most likely to be found in our organized propriety. If ordinary appliances fail to draw the people to Christ, never let us be afraid to adopt any means that will.

Methodism aggressive will live. It was the genius of Watt that harnessed the mighty forces lying dormant in water. It was the genius of Wesley that launched a church of his own devising on the continent of America, without which, darkness dense might still have hovered over the land. From the small beginnings, we have seen a great church develop. We have our five million members and over eighteen million adherents. We have 35,000 ministers. We are a connectional church; we believe in helping each other. Ever green will be the memory of the pioneer preachers of America who carried the Gospel into the depths of the wilderness. They were the true heroes, strong of heart, mighty in faith, and moved by the Spirit of the living God.

Even in Maine, Methodism has come to the front and now stands in her might crowned with the glory of God. What was the Babylonian or Alexandrian empire to the territory the Lord has given Methodism to cultivate? From every quarter of the globe and from the islands of the seas, delegates would come to our council. World wide are set our standards. Methodism is founded upon the solid rock, and there shall she stay until the end shall come.

Mr. Chairman, on this centennial occasion, while in vigor of health and with eyes undimmed, we look with joy upon the coming century. We feel that our address would be incomplete did we not advance to the shrine which holds the names, ever dear, of those heroic men who, in the days of trackless forests, log homes, and innumerable obstacles, first laid the foundation stones of Methodism in Bethel, Nickolas, Snethen, John Osborn, Martin, Merritt, Baker. We advance to their shrine and there we place our wreath of remembrance. Other names connected with this circuit are dear to you. We think of W. F. Farrington, Caleb Fuller, Mark Trafton, Charles F. Allen, and Parker Jacques. Many of the old heroes had to warm their hearers with the old Gospel fire of a full and free salvation as the snow and sleet drifted through the cracks and chinks of the old meeting-houses. From the memories of the past, let us look into the promising future. Let us stand by our tried theology, our polity, our experimental life, and seek to lift all to a higher place.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. G. B. Hannaford, after which a social time was enjoyed during which ice cream and cake were served to all.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Rev. R. A. Rich of Buckfield, led the devotional service. Brother Peare rendered a solo.

Rev. A. W. Pottle was unable to be present, but his paper was read by the Secretary. He held that preaching was a New Testament institution. It was the formal presentation of the Gospel of Christ. The special phases of truth emphasized are often suggested and modified by the times. The discreet preacher studies his congregation and its needs. We are living in a time of universal education, and preaching must be adapted to the advanced intelligence of the common people. It must be fresh, forcible, and up-to-date. The Bible is read, studied, and understood as never before. This is the day of Biblical criticism and the results of such investigations must have some influence on present day preaching. It is not wise to denounce indiscriminately, this modern movement. Seldom if ever carry the subject into the pulpit. Proclaim the glad tidings of salvation. Preach the unquestioned truths. We are living also in a time of general interests. It is a time of come-outism from church, from political parties, from social movements. All over the land, men are inaugurating new movements. We are living in a remarkable age. Matters are not as they were even a generation ago. Everything is in a transition state. What shall the preacher proclaim? He must treat of the great social and industrial problems. Christ treated these questions in His day. If all men would accept the teaching and spirit of Christ as a working basis, the conflicts between labor and capital would cease. It is the mission of the present day preacher, to make this fact apparent. But he must not be a partisan. He is not to sit in judgment in the case. Then again, we are living in a time when some of the fundamental doctrines of the Word of God are called in question; or, at least, our understanding of certain teachings are challenged. The preacher must be able to give a reason for his belief. The Gospel preacher should have clear, well-defined, reasonable views of Bible doctrine. Make your own church so warm and social, so attractive and helpful, that all will want to stay with you. The best antidote to every ism is a warm, spiritual, Holy Ghost church home. Present day preaching must not be narrow, dogmatic or one-sided. The Methodist minister should be broad in his views, catholic in his spirit, open in his methods, a man of God furnished into every good word and work. The doctrines of repentance, regeneration, heart purity, and the final judgment need particular attention. But also it is necessary to emphasize the fact that our religion is a permanently practical thing. It is for the daily life.

Bro. Bryant said that the characteristics of the preaching of some of the successful preachers he had heard were simplicity, clearness, brevity, and the treatment of the great doctrines in a plain manner such as sin and deliverance therefrom. Other characteristics needed are those of physical earnestness and deep spirituality.

Bro. Corey thinks we ought to stand for the authority of the Bible as the word of God. We must emphasize the doctrine of the sinfulness of man and the greatness of the Savior.

Bro. Craig believes the doctrine of future retribution ought to be more frequently presented, but only in a spirit of deep love.

Bro. Eldridge holds that the deity of Jesus Christ should be emphasized strongly, and that men should be made to feel that they are sinners and utterly lost without the Savior. Scripture should be thoroughly woven into the sermon.

Bro. Hamilton contended that first the doctrinal foundations should be laid and on them the practical exhortations should be built.

Bro. Holt thinks that one fault of our modern preaching is a want of adapting it to the actual conditions of our people. We are content with presenting general principles and leaving the application to the people who fail to make the application to their individual cases. We want to preach so directly that there can be no mistake as to our meaning.

Bro. Pears holds that we ought to aim at a mark and endeavor to hit it. We ought to have in mind while preaching, some one in our congregation whom we are seeking to benefit and benefit in a particular way.

Bro. Stanley insisted that, in order to do good, we must remember first of all who we are, Gospel ministers and not prophets or critics or anything else; we must next remember what we have to work with—only the Gospel of our Lord and Savior; and thirdly those upon whom we are to work—the common people.

Judge Woodbury was invited to speak on the question. He said that he had delayed his journey to the West, in order to attend the sessions of the Association. I want to see the truth presented that man is a sinner and that he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven without being born again. I want to hear preaching that fits me and makes demands upon my conscience and helps me to be better. Let me urge you, you young men who are in the ministry, keep close to Christ. Build your faith upon the prophets and the apostles, Jesus Christ himself, being the chief corner store.

The next question taken up was: "Our District Ministerial Meeting—Would its Effectiveness be Increased by Dividing the District into two or More Parts, each having its Own Ministerial Meeting?" Rev. G. W. Barber of South Waterford read a paper thereon. Our Districts have neither fixed boundaries nor names. Lewiston District spreads over a great deal of ground. There might be three sub-districts, one including the valley of the Saco, another the Grand Trunk section, and a third including the coast and the lower part of the Maine Central. As conveyance now is, I do not think much would be gained by dividing the district into two parts; but if we should introduce a ministerial and lay conference it would be perhaps wise to do this.

Bro. Bryant said we could not expect all our ministers to be present at any Association meeting.

The next question was then taken up. The subject was "A District Ministerial Lay Conference—What Would be Its Advantages?" Rev. I. A. Bean of South Paris read a paper thereon. Our sister denominations have their convention and associations which bring ministers and laymen together. We have nothing of the sort since the passing of the old time Quarterly Conference. Let us revive it under a new name. Divide the district into several sections and elect delegates to the meeting. Discuss their general church work, Sunday school interests, and League methods, thus making the meeting of interest to old and young.

Bro. Hamilton was in favor of any movement that would bring the laymen into closer touch with church interest.

Bro. Holt thought that the difficulty was in getting the people to attend. The theory was agreed with, but his judgment was that it would be a failure. It was a question whether a division of the district would improve the Ministerial Association. Out of all, it is impossible to get out more than a respectable attendance even now.

Bro. Stanley thought we ought to maintain the lines as at present, but that we ought to invite the laymen to attend and prepare papers and participate in the discussions.

Bro. Corey thought it might be helpful to adopt the plan of pooling our traveling expenses.

Bro. Bean believed that the laymen would come in, by degrees. They would become interested.

Bro. Peare contended that the provision made in the Discipline for a District Conference should be considered.

Adjourned by singing the Doxology, and benediction by Bro. Peare.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting was opened by Rev. J. A. Corey, the President, with singing and prayer.

The next topic was taken up. It being found that some were absent who were to take part in the programme, the question was postponed for a time.

A motion was made and seconded that the Presiding Elder and Executive Committee be requested to provide for a meeting of the District Conference, sometime in the fall.

As a substitute it was moved and seconded that the Presiding Elder and Executive Committee make arrangements for a meeting of the Association and provide for the participation of laymen in the exercises.

The substitute was carried.

It was moved to amend Article VII. of the Constitution so as to hold the annual meeting in the fall instead of the month of February. Carried.

The Committee on Tent, Bro. Hamilton chairman, reported progress.

Treasurer Bean reported pledges of $23. and cash $16. for the tent.

The reports were accepted.

Moved and seconded that the committe, be continued. Carried.

Bro. Holmes reported for the Committee on Resolutions as follows:

RESOLVED, *That* with deep sorrow we learn of the death of our beloved brother and fellow laborer, Rev. C. A. Laughton, who for years has done efficient work in Maine Conference, and that some message of sympathy from this association be sent by the Sec. to the stricken family.

RESOLVED, *That* we extend our hearty thanks to the Pastor and families where we have been entertained for their cordial welcome and generous hospitality.

RESOLVED, *That* we also extend thanks to the R. R. Associations for reduced rates.

RESOLVED, *That* the Association return thanks to the editor of the Bethel NEWS for the generous space devoted to the report of the proceedings of the meeting.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Rev. F. A. Leitch read a paper on "The Altruistic Spirit of Sociology."

The speaker prefaced his paper by stating that the underlying principles of the "Mills Music Hall Movement" of Boston were sociological, and to understand the need of such movements it might be profitable to review some of the questions which this subject treats upon.

Sociology deals with all that concerns men living together having certain necessary agreeable and desirable relations with each other. It seeks to show the necessity of incorporating in life's activities the ethics of the Gospel, by pointing out the fact that churches are venerable, just in proportion as they are useful; that institutions are Divine in just so far as they fulfil a divine mission; that men, Christian, only so far as they reproduce Christ in life's activities; that it is wrong to divorce the practical life from the religious and spiritual life. To-day we find grave economic questions facing us, labor and capital seeking to maintain their rights. Capital combines, forms trusts; labor unites, forms federations; one seeks to grind the face of labor, the

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MARTHA'S VINEYARD.

Gay Head, formerly called by the Indians, Aquinah, or Kughtuhquichewitt, is a peninsular at the western end of the Island of Martha's Vineyard containing about thirty-four hundred acres.

The territory embraces every variety of soil, a portion of it being under cultivation. The surface is very irregular, abounding in hills and valleys, ponds and swamps, fine pasture land and barren beach, with occasional patches of trees and tilled land.

The chief interest of Gay Head is not in its agricultural capabilities which have never been developed, but in the rare scenery, the varied colors of its lofty cliffs and its singularly mixed clays and sands and petrifactions found on its banks. Here are to be found all sorts of fossils from petrified quahaugs as big as your thumb-nail, to the skeletons of monsters that might have swallowed the whale that swallowed Jonah. The bones and teeth of vertebral animals are more numerous than other organic relics. Sharks teeth have been found of most surprising size. Some specimens have been found nearly four inches long—and but slightly less at the base.

Fossil vegetables or vegetable impressions are to be found in the slaty argillaceous iron ore showing distinctly the minutest reticulations of the leaf, also large masses of lignite, showing very clearly the structure of the wood and bark. There are white, green, and yellow sand, and yellow, blue, blackish, and red clays and all the shades made by the commingling of the different colors.

Dr. William Baylies went to Gay Head, June, 1786, to make a chemical analysis of the mineral productions there. He says: "A northerly wind carried us down the river into the midst of the bay in an easy and agreeable manner. A calm then coming on, with a hot sun, and a constant rolling of the boat, I grew exceedingly sick. Nothing could alleviate my disagreeable feelings but a view of Gay Head through Quick's Hole at the distance of about fifteen miles.

A variety of colors such as red, yellow, and white, differently shaded and combined, exhibited a scene sufficient to captivate the mind however distressed.

We found the soil to be good. It was rather light and dry, consisting of a grayish sand and vegetable mold two feet or more in depth, intermixed with portions of a darker colored earth. It manifests to the taste, a strong impregnation of vitriolic acid, and contains many shining particles. Underneath this to a level with the sea, it is made up of a mixture of ochrey, sandy, stony, marly, and loamy earth tasting also of vitriolic acid."

A black, sooty powder, similar to lamp-black, and made use of by painters to serve the same purposes, under which a whitish matter resembling the gypseous earth calcined, intermixed with the same kind of earth uncalcined, is found in great quantities.

The mineral contents of Gay Head are varied and abundant; here one may find large quantities of limonite, or the hydrate of iron, and sulphuret of iron, sulphate of alumina and sulphate of lime, iron ore in large lumps of reddish brown color, affording about 25 per cent of metal. The iron from this ore exhibits a peculiar degree of smoothness and lustre. Long slender crystals of gypsum are often gathered called by the natives, "Maushope's needles." Clays, white, gray, yellow, blue, and red abound in large quantities, and of excellent quality. Some of the clays have neither superior or equal in New England.

The light-house on Gay Head is, from its position, one of the most important on the whole coast. It contains a Fresnel lens of the first-class, composed of 1003 pieces of best and clearest glass of different forms, all cut and highly polished and so scientifically arranged and accurately set as to throw the rays of light far out over the waters.

South westerly from the light-house, less than a quarter of a mile, is a grassy glen leading gently down to the shore, commonly called by the formidable name of the Devil's Den. It is quite certain that there are evidences of volcanic action at Gay Head and the Devil's Den is supposed to be the crater of a volcano. It is 20 rods over at the top and fourteen and a half at the bottom and fully 130 feet at the sides except that which is next to the sea where it is open.

The Vineyard has many attractions and Gay Head is surely not the least of these, especially to any one interested in the study of geology.

Minnie E. Wheeler.

Mr. F. Helbig, a prominent druggist of Lynchburg, Va., says:

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Prize Speaking Contest.

The Gould's Academy Prize Speaking Contest will take place in Odeon Hall, Friday evening of this week. Let all who have an interest in our Academy and desire to show their appreciation of the grand work which is being done to place it in the front ranks, assist by their presence.

We can assure our readers that all who attend, will enjoy one of the best entertainments ever given in Odeon Hall; not only should this be an incentive for our people to attend, but also the fact that each one who does attend is adding his mite toward improving the facilities of our beloved Academy of which we are justly proud.

Thanks to the efforts of our earnest and progressive teachers, the library and reading-room have been much improved during the past year and it is for further improvement along this line that the proceeds of this entertainment will be used. The Columbian cyclopedia of thirty-seven volumes has been purchased on the installment plan. From the proceeds of the entertainment at the close of last term, the first payment of twenty-five dollars has been made, and it is to raise money to pay the balance, that the entertainment will be given Friday night.

Our teachers are doing a noble work along this line for our school and it becomes the duty of every citizen of Bethel to encourage and assist them in every way possible. Let us then, prompted by a spirit of loyalty to our beloved institution, come out Friday evening despite the unfavorable travelling, and not only assist the school but also inspire the young people who are to speak.

The Insurance Commissioners Commend the Bethel Firemen.

No one could have witnessed the fire at Gould's Academy and noted the work done by our firemen and not possess a feeling of just pride that Bethel has a fire company capable of doing such noble work.

Tue insurance commissioners who came here to adjust the loss, spoke in flattering terms of the efficient work which the firemen did in preventing the entire loss of the building, and said their work could not have been excelled by fire companies of any of our cities. This indeed is encouraging and the fact that they were able to perform their duties in such a manner as to receive the hearty approval of these commissioners, is conclusive evidence that they have spared no efforts in themselves for their work. We think that a few words of encouragement at this time will not come amiss, and trust that they may receive an expressed appreciation from the citizens of our village for their noble deed.

D. A. R's.

Last week a brief notice was given of the intention to organize a National Society of the Daughters of American Revolution, with promise to give more definite information this week. Many inquire, what is the real object of this society; and in reply will say that its objects are manifold.

(1) "To perpetuate the memory of the spirit of the American Independence, by protection to historic spots, by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the Revolution, by the preservation of documents and relics and of the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots.

(2.) To carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, 'To promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge,' thus developing an enlightened public opinion, and offering to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of American citizens.

(3.) To cherish, maintain, and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love for country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty."

Can the daughters of Bethel, and adjoining towns, ask for more worthy objects to be cherished by any one society? We all have duties as American citizens to perform, and if we can give greater strength and influence by united efforts, let us not think lightly of the organization of a chapter of the "Daughters of American Revolution" in Bethel.

Any woman may be eligible for membership who is of the age of eighteen years, and who is descended from man or woman who with loyalty rendered aid to the cause of Independence. Am sure there are many Revolutionary decendants in Bethel and adjoining towns and any information regarding the society, or any assistance which I can give as to how one may trace direct lineage, for filling out blanks and certificates, will be most cordially given by addressing me at any time.

Respectfully,
Annie M. Frye.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. Bert Bryant returned to Bowdoin, Tuesday.

Fred L. Edwards is enjoying the mumps, this week.

Mrs. Fred Chandler and children visited Bethel last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ziba Durkee have been visiting relatives in Bethel.

J. R. Kittridge of Farmington, has been spending a few days in town.

There was no meeting of the W. C. T. U., Tuesday on account of the storm.

The Bethel Chorus will meet for rehearsal to-morrow (Thursday) evening.

Miss Ethel Stone of Portland, is visiting her grandfather, C. M. Wormell.

The Insurance company has granted the Academy $2,517 to cover the fire loss.

Are you aware that you can get a first class dinner at Poplar Tavern for 25 cents. *

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. J. M. Philbrook, Thursday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

Notwithstanding the severe storm, Dr. Twaddle went to Newry, Monday night.

The oldest inhabitants have been heard from and say this will pass for an old fashioned winter.

Miss Inez Stuart of Norway, formerly a clerk in Bethel post office, is visiting Mrs. G. R. Wiley.

Two persons were taken into the M. E. church last Sunday; one on probation and the other into full membership.

The Columbian Club met with Mrs. J. M. Philbrook, Saturday afternoon and enjoyed a most profitable meeting.

Hon. A. E. Herrick was in Portland last week, to do the writings between the Wild River Lumber Co. and Daniel T. Emery, Jr.

America's greatest medicine is Hood's Sarsaparilla, which cures when all other preparations fail to do any good whatever.

On Tuesday, Mr. Mark A. Elliott of Rumford, and Miss Laura F. Smith of Hanover, were married at Locke's Mills. Mr. Jordan officiated.

Have your harness washed and oiled in first class shape at Young's harness shop. Will do you a good job and make special prices from now until April 1.

On and after Wednesday, Feb. 16, the South Paris U. S. Pension Examining Board will meet at the office of Dr. Horatio Woodbury, Market Square.

Any body with a sweet tooth who would not be tempted by the appearance of Miss L. C. Hall's show window will be able to resist almost any temptation.

Mrs. Scott Wight went to Rumford Falls, Saturday to assist in the concerts to be given by Mr. Wight's singing schools in Rumford and adjoining towns.

Mrs. Ira C. Jordan and Miss E. E. Burnham attended the convention of the National Woman's Relief Corps Auxiliary of the G. A. R., held at Augusta last Wednesday.

Mr. Dana C. Philbrook has sold his milk route to Artemas Mason, who lives on the Towne's farm near the steam-mill. Mr. Mason takes charge of the business, March 1st.

The Bethel Federation of Women's Clubs will hold a meeting on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 26, at three o'clock in the Universalist chapel. It is hoped that every member of the five clubs forming the Federation will be present as important matters of local interest will be under discussion.

Sold Out.

The Wild River Lumber Co. has sold its entire business to Daniel T. Emery, Jr., of Portland. A new corporation is to be formed under the name of Hastings Lumber Co. The preliminary agreements were made in Portland last week.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

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other seeks to squeeze the pocket of capital. The strife is on, we read of strikes, suffering, and social unrest. We are agreed that there is cause for alarm, for serious reflection on these vexed social questions, and as Ministers, it is our duty to seek a solution, to help in a practical way those who are oppressed and wronged, robbed of their rights. We need to preach the gospel of bread and butter for the body, as well as salvation for the soul; to show the true dignity of labor as the divine arrangement for sustaining life; to point out the evil of aristocratic thriftlessness which idly luxuriates in money obtained through oppression, extortion, unrighteous speculation, such as coynering the necessities of life at the expense of hungry children and starving men. Greed backing up capital often pauperizes; many speculations make some poor poorer, therefore the way in which capital is invested is a matter of vital importance to society; it touches the life of society, and all life is sacred. Honest labor should be honestly rewarded; labor first creates wealth, then distributes its share almost immediately for life's necessities; thus trade is stimulated, society sustained, life insured, and happiness given. Under our modern industrial system, capital receives more than its just share of the fruits of labor, while labor is receiving proportionately less and less. The ratio of increase of wealth and labor is in no sense proportionate. Present day movements of reform advocate a more adequate distribution of the fruits of labor. They repudiate the generally accepted commercial dogma, that capital has done its duty when it has paid its employes, the market rate of wages with the market under the sovereignty of what is known as the law of supply and demand, with the supply greater than the demand. This dogma asserts the supremacy of capital over the moral law, and under-estimates the value of human life. The relation between employer and employ, should be a sacred relation, one of mutual helpfulness, not so much a matter of gold, but of living in mutual helpfulness. The old idea of slavery was that capital and the whip-lash should control labor, that is, so much flesh and blood energized by the spirit of God, subjugated, chained by greed, bought by coin bearing the motto, "In God we trust."

Priests of the 16th century accompanied pirate ships to say mass and pray for the souls of the dead for a share of the spoil. Modern priest or Levite who flatter and patronize men, who heap up wealth over the bodies of an oppressed and of down trodden humanity, are guilty of human blood.

Fortunes so gathered are the proudest temples of the most defiant idolatry that has ever corrupted the worship of the living God. The speaker on closing said that there was one law which could harmonize these conflicting elements and bring order out of chaos;—the law of love and sacrifice, the *golden rule*, instead of the rule of gold. The good of all the law of each. Selfishness destroys, rules rather than serves; poisons noble attributes, dwarfs the soul, converts men into intolerant despots. No strife exists in the world of nature between the rose and the wheat, as to which shall drink in the most rain or have the most sun, both grow to maturity, one to smile in fragrant innocence, the other to feed and support life. How much more should intelligent men live to bless and sustain human life in this the best material world made by a benevolent and living God.

A review of Zenos' "Elements of Higher Criticism" by Bro. Corey was presented. The first part of the book is spent in defining the expression "higher criticism." It is a purely arbitrary term. It is devoted to the discovery of the origin of the original manuscripts of the Bible, their exact literary form and their adaptation to the ends proposed. The methods of higher criticism may be divided into three classes: 1st. The literary; 2d. Historical, and 3rd Theological or content of thought. The postulate a man brings to the study of the subject is very important, for it colors greatly conclusions reached. The power of the Bible depends upon what men think of it. Rationalism overthrows its authority. Adjourned.

Thos. P. Baker, Sec'y.

Maine W. R. C.

Notwithstanding the heavy storm of last Wednesday, nearly a hundred women of the National Woman's Relief Corps Auxiliary to the G. A. R. met in Convention at Augusta.

We were most agreeably surprised on hearing the officers' reports, to find how ably, profitably and harmoniously our Dept. Pres., Mrs. Nancy J. Colby of Rumford Centre, and her assistants, executed the work of last year under such difficult circumstances as existed. The department has increased in membership by a large number.

The Soldiers' Home at Newport is growing and yet they are obliged to turn away many applicants because of the want of room. Col. Eustis and Commander L. T. Carleton of the G. A. R., department of Maine, visited the convention leaving with us inspiring and encouraging words. The following officers were installed for the coming year:

Pres., Mrs. Addie V. Grant, Biddeford; Sen. Vice Pres., Mrs. Alice S. Gilman, Oakland; Jun. Vice Pres., Mrs. Nellie M. Carleton, Winthrop; Treas., Mrs. Almead Berry, Biddeford; Sec., Mrs. Mary Pillsbury, Biddeford; Chaplin, Mrs. Susan W. Merrick, Waterville. Mrs. Ira Jordan and Miss Elberta E. Burnham represented Brown Corps as delegates. Mrs. Jordan was elected delegate to National Convention this year.

Our Young Readers.

PULLING WEEDS.

"A penny for your thoughts, Roland."

"I was thinking, Lill, of Jack Reynolds, and wondering why, with almost everything a fellow could wish for, he should be the most disagreeable, the meanest, and the most unhappy boy in school."

"Have you solved the problem?"

"No, not exactly; but I have decided that I am more fortunate in one way than he. I have a sister I would not exchange for all of these things. I don't believe if he had one like mine he *could* be so disagreeable."

"Suppose you invite him here some evening. Perhaps I can help explain your riddle."

And so it happened that Jack Reynolds, who was so disagreeable that no one ever thought of inviting him anywhere, spent an evening with Roland and his sister.

"Don't believe I ever had a better time in my life," he said the next day. "That sister of yours is a trump. She looks as though she could not help being happy if she tried. Is she always so?"

"Yes, always."

"What makes her?"

"The truth is," said Roland, "she is always trying to make others happy, and never thinks of being so herself."

"Humph! That's it, is it?"

"That's a good deal of it, yes. Would you like to know what she said about you?"

"No. It would not be anything good."

"But it was. Lill often says our characters have to be cared for just as a beautiful garden is looked after; and now she says you have the making of a splendid man in your character, a man we might all be proud to know some day, if you would only cut down and pull up your weeds that are choking out the beautiful flowers."

"Did she really say that, Roland? May I come again?"

He did come again and again, and before long a great change was noticed in him. He grew cheerful, happy, and contented, and began sharing his good things with others.

It was hard to change all at once, but Jack persisted till the boys were proud of him, and told him so.

"The credit," he would always say, "is due to the girl who taught me how to pull weeds. I suppose I will have to go on rooting them out as long as I live, but it is easier to work now."

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Children's Letters.

Bethel, Me., Jan. 29th, 1898.

Dear Mr. Editor:

You ask the children to tell you who wrote the lines,

"No cloud above, no earth below—
A universe of sky and snow."

John G. Whittier wrote them in his poem Snow-Bound. He was born in Haverhill, Mass., in 1807. In School Days, is one of his poems that I like very much. The young lady who raked the hay was Maud Muller. Mamma repeats the poem to me; she learned it years ago. I am eight years old. I went to school for the first time last May.

Your little friend,
Fanny Newell Chapman.

Auburn, Jan. 26th, 1898.

Dear Mr. Editor:

I saw your letter to the children in the last week's NEWS, and I will try to answer some of the questions. John Greenleaf Whittier wrote the lines that you quoted. They are in Snow-Bound. Mr. Whittier was born in Haverhill, Mass., on the 17th of Dec., 1807. He was a farmer and a shoe-maker in his boyhood. He wrote the poem, about Maud Muller whom he saw raking hay. He also once wrote Angels of Buena Vista, Mabel Martin, Barbara Frietchie, The Huskers, The Barefoot Boy, and many others that I have read.

Perhaps you will not think my letter worth reading; but I am only nine years old and in my second year of school. I study geography, number work, language, reading, writing, spelling, physical culture, drawing and music. Next year I will be in the Grammar school.

I have no pets to write about, but I had a small birthday party for my papa the other day. We had pyramid cake, some songs and recitations. I dressed in costume as an old lady, and gave some good advice. Hoping my letter is not too long, I am

Yours truly,
Flossie O. Hastings.

Bethel Me., Jan. 24th, 1898.

Dear Editor:

I am a little girl ten years old, last April. I know who wrote

"No cloud above, no earth below.
A universe of sky and snow."

It was J. G. Whittier. It is taken from Snow-Bound. Whittier was born in 1807. His favorite poet was Robert Burns. I like Whittier's poems better than Burns.' I have a little book that papa gave me when I was eight years old, that has one of Whittier's poems in it; it is "The Barefoot Boy." Some of the poets that I like best that are in my books are Longfellow, Whittier, Tennyson and Lowell.

I like to read prose better than poetry. I have read "Alice in Wonderland" lots of times and I think it is the nicest story I ever read. I like the part best where Alice went into the rabbit's hole, where she tumbled and tumbled then she would land on a bit of brush, and then tumble and tumble some more until at last she landed in a little room with lots of little curtains and little doors. There was a little table and a key on it. She opened the door but could not get through because she was so large. I like to read fairy stories the best of all. I am planning to write stories myself some day and I will send one to the Bethel NEWS.

Your friend,
Elsie Davis.

Notice.

Having received several inquiries by mail asking me if I am a candidate for the position of Postmaster, I take this method of announcing to the patrons of the Bethel Post office that I am, and if favored with the position, will endeavor to maintain the present efficiency of the office.

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We believe Mr. Edwards has struck one of the key notes in the solution of the problems that confront Aroostook people to-day, and we have no hesitation in predicting the doubling or thribling capacity of the mill when the farmers of this section realize that they can transform their home raised wheat into as good flour as is manufactured anywhere in the west.—Fort Fairfield Leader.

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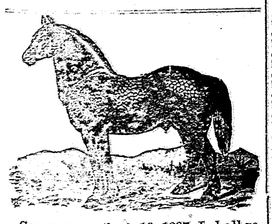
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..COUNTY NEWS..

OTHER COUNTY NEWS ON PAGE FOUR.

WEST BETHEL.

"There's little doing here below,
But swearing at the weather;
The plumber takes Jack Frost aside,
To drink hot Scotch together."

Ash Wednesday.

We now enter upon the Lenten season.

John Wight of Gilead was in town, Sunday.

A boarder at Bean's hotel is sick with the measles.

Emma Briggs is visiting her sister in Gilead this week.

Dana Grover and Geo. Merrow attended the Gould's Academy reception.

Mrs. Lewis Tyler has gone to Lyndon, Vt., to spend a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Flora Dresser.

A number of extra men were employed here last week shoveling snow from the railroad and around the cars.

During the heavy storm of last week, M. O'Reilly, station agent, was on duty 36 hours with only one hour for rest.

Miss Maud Merrow has gone to Salem, Mass., to visit relatives and old class-mates of the Salem Normal school, '92 and '93.

C. L. Abbott, Jr., highway surveyor, was out Friday with six horses attached to a sled loaded with men. Where is the snow-plow?

George Merrow is assisting M. O'Reilly in the railway station, and learning telegraphy, thus fitting himself for an agent and operator.

NEWRY.

Orrin Foster is still sick.

Mrs. Minnie Abbott from Upton, is visiting Mrs. Henry Fuller.

First class cooking, and a good variety to be had at Poplar Tavern. *

There was a baptism at the church at Newry Corner, Sunday the 13th of Mrs. John Allen.

The ladies' sociable at the Vestry, Thursday, was well attended; they received $40.00 for the benefit of the M. E. minister, Rev. Mr. Hamilton of Bethel.

WEST LOVELL.

Mrs. V. H. McAllister has been at Norway the past week.

Mrs. Martha Elliott is sick and threatened with rheumatic fever.

Old Boreas has been making some huge snow drifts, some of them being 15 feet high.

The late storm of Tuesday night and Wednesday makes the roads impassable, and the loggers have been unable to do anything since the storm up to-day, Saturday.

Friday, we saw a neighbor on his way to the store on snowshoes and G. W. Andrews came in from the village on snowshoes on his way from Boston, having stayed at Fryeburg one night and at Mrs. Elliott's the other.

WEST PERU.

The farmers are kept busy trying to keep the roads shoveled out.

For three days last week the stage couldn't get through from here to Dickvale.

Mrs. Lucy Child passed away the 17th, after a lingering illness. She leaves a husband and two small children. Funeral at Dickvale, Sunday.

Hall Brothers are loading some cars with rakes to ship to Portland. They report an increase in their business; they enlarged their factory last fall and expect to be able to meet the demands for their rakes.

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NORWAY.

Thomas Smiley has been in Boston the past week on business.

A. F. Marston of the firm of B. F. Spinney & Co. was in town this week.

Mr. L. B. Andrews has sold his interest in the Blue Store to F. H. Noyes who will conduct the business alone hereafter, Mr. Andrews retiring.

Rev. Marcus H. Carroll delivered the second of his course of lectures on Mendelssohn's Elijah, at Christ's Church last Sunday evening. He treated his subject in a very interesting manner. Next Sunday evening he will consider the second half of this grand musical drama.

The entertainment last Wednesday evening at the Congregationalist vestry proved to be very interesting. It was given by the young people. Mrs. H. L. Horne had charge of the music and Hattie Cragin the speaking. The program was as follows:

Piano duet, Mrs. Horne, Annie Abbott
Song—Young America, Porter Swift, Carl Boynton
Recitation—Going down to Grandpa's, Carl Foss
Song—Little Red Riding Hood, Ethel Gayton
Recitation—My Little White Kitten. Mildred Holmes
Song—Dairymaid, Lena Swan
Recitation—Puritan Maid, Lizzie Foss
Song—Pretty Bluebird, Nellie Hayden
Piano solo, Lena Swan
Vocal duet—Greetings, Alice Smith, Alice Horne
Trip to Europe, a musical sketch in three parts. Chorus of twenty-three young people.

Last Thursday evening, eighteen members of the Christian Endeavor society connected with the Congregationalist church gave their pastor a surprise party, and it certainly proved a genuine surprise, for upon answering the bell at his front door and seeing so many of his friends, for a moment he hardly knew what to say, but proved himself equal to the occasion by inviting them into his pleasant new home. The evening was pleasantly spent in singing, conversation, and games. Mr. W. S. Chandler in behalf of the Y. P. S. C. E., presented Rev. and Mrs. Rideout with a very handsome center table, parlor lamp and a very dainty fruit dish. Mr. Rideout responded in his usual pleasing manner, thanking the Christian Endeavor for their kind remembrance of his family and himself; he also made other remarks suitable for the occasion. Ice cream and cake were served during the evening and every one went home feeling that they had passed an evening long to be remembered.

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GREENWOOD.

Daniel Bryant and wife are both on the sick list.

Deacon S. B. Cummings is nearly helpless from the effects of rheumatism.

The widow Swan who injured herself by falling more than two months ago, is still living, but is very low.

Hauling the different kinds of wood to market is the principal business of the day, but it is slow work on account of the traveling.

Last week Augustus Noyes died, aged about 65 years; and also Marion, daughter of E. W. Penley and wife, aged about 3 years. This week Arthur Bonney died, aged 55 years.

It is said that one extreme generally follows another, and that is what it is doing now. So moderate has the weather been for several days that the snow has settled more than a foot.

BRYANT POND.

Mrs. Lulu Wing has returned from Portland.

Mell Hathaway has finished clerking at Frank Small's.

D. D. Peverley has just finished for himself a fine roll-top desk.

Mr. Chas. Barker and wife spent Sunday at T. R. Day's, going to Lewiston, Monday.

Miss Mamie Jackson, a dressmaker here is sick. The rest of the sick are on the gain.

Mrs. Dollie Frost Carroll has finished her school at Rumford Centre and is staying with her mother at N. Woodstock.

Dr. Ambrose Gallison and son James were guests at the "Old Home," last week; next Monday the doctor with his family will start for Florida to be gone a month or more. The many friends of Dr. Jeff Gallison will be pleased to hear that his only daughter and family have arrived in Boston from Germany, where they have lived for nearly three years.

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EAST BETHEL.

Mrs. Fred Howe and son are visiting in South Paris with Effie Ellis.

Miss Blanche Bartlett is working at Rumford Corner for Mrs. John Estes.

Grace Swan is at home from Rumford Center, where she has been at work.

Are you aware that you can get a first class dinner at Poplar Tavern for 25 cents? *

Mrs. James Bartlett and son Clevie, went to Bethel the 10th, to attend the Festival Chorus.

Mrs. John Swan and children from Bethel village, are visiting relatives and friends at this part of the town.

People are now very busily engaged hauling thair birch and poplar to Locke's Mills, now the roads are in good condition for traveling.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

We enjoyed a pleasant visit from Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Hazeltine, Sunday.

Isaiah Hazeltine and wife spent last Tuesday with their daughter, Mrs. L. Andrews.

Mr. Lucien Andrews, wife and little son were at his father's, Edgar Andrews, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Zib Durkey also Mr. and Mrs. I. Hazeltine were guests at C. H. Fernald's, recently.

Freddie Wheeler who has been spending a few days with his sisters and mother, returned to his home on Grover Hill last Monday.

Miss Jennie Patterson from Norway and Miss Ellie Ricker from Stoneham, accompanied by Frank Grover, visited their uncle, Isaiah Hazeltine, last week.

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DENMARK.

Mrs. A. H. Witham is considerably worse.

Born to the wife of Clement Hartford, Feb. 8th, a son.

Our village primary school closed last Friday.

Dr. S. T. Brown's mother came last week to visit them.

All teaming has been suspended on account of the thawy weather.

Elmore Swan has been quite sick the past two weeks of La Grippe.

Geo. Jordan whose leg was injured in the woods at Norway, is improving.

Rev. Mr. Abbott of Fryeburg, will lecture here this week Thursday evening on "Hoodloom."

Rev. Mr. Wardwell of Bridgton, lectured here last Thursday on "Fred Douglass, the black man."

Fred Sanborn tried to get ice on Grandeur Pond last week, but found it so shelly as to be unfit, and went to Moose Pond for it.

Mr. Seth Grover who has been an inmate of the town farm many years, died Feb. 7th, aged 70 years; he was buried at West Denmark, with his family.

Chas. McIntire got one of his horses into the Grandeur Pond last week, breaking into a breathing hole. He also got one of his leaders badly cut by breaking partly through the ice on the pond, and took the skin on the fore leg from the knee to the ankle; he will lose the use of it for the remainder of the winter.

MINOT.

Miss Inez True spent the past week in Lewiston.

Miss Elsie Robinson is confined to the house by illness.

Miss Lizzie Briggs of Mechanic Falls, was in town calling on friends, Friday.

George Sawyer has returned from Norway, where he has been visiting his brother.

Arthur Gore who has been baggage master at Lewiston for the past year, has been promoted to brakeman on the G. T. R.

Mr. Ansel Denning of Edward Little High sccool at Auburn, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Denning.

The funeral of Charles Doughty of this place, occurred at the Methodist church on Sunday; he was a very old man having been a resident of this place about 40 years.

NORTH NORWAY.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Twitchell from Oxford, were at W. Judkins' the 9th.

Cleo Merrill who has been in the hospital several months, is now at home somewhat improved.

Arthur Bonney was buried the 11th; he was born in Otisfield, but has lived in this vicinity many years.

Mrs. Rollin Towne (*nee* Hayes) died the 10th. Mrs. Towne was born in Poland, but has lived in Norway 50 years; she will be greatly missed by her family.

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BUCKFIELD.

Norman Buck was in town, Monday.

The Nezinscott History club met with Mrs. Chas. B. Hatch, Tuesday.

Some of our people are indulging in litigation at Paris, this week.

Feb. 5th, born to the wives of R. E. Lee Bridgham and Edmond Gautier each a daughter.

Little Gladys Buck was in town, Thursday with her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Ariel Horton from Sumner.

The Buckfield Literary club met with Mrs. C. M. Irish, Monday; husbands were in attendance in the evening to witness the club work, deplete the tables, and indulge in various entertainments.

RUMFORD.

Mrs. F. Q. Elliot of Newry, spent a few days with friends in town.

A little five pound boarder at Edgar Delano's.

Mrs. Dana Bean of Milton, is taking care of Mrs. Edgar Delano and daughter.

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Blanche Bartlett is at work for Mrs. J. H. Estes.

Florus Bartlett dropped a heavy stick of wood on his foot bursting one toe and jamming his foot quite badly.

John R. Wood a former resident of this town, died in Brookly, Feb. 6th.

A town meeting was held last week to raise money to lengthen the school a couple of weeks. $500.00 was the sum raised.

NORTH NORWAY.

Calvin Hussey is in town.

Mrs. Sarah Heath is at work at Rollin Towne's.

No mail Wednesday; mail carriers got here Thursday at 1 o'clock.

J. H. Knapp's adopted son who ran away, was found safe and sound in Greenwood.

The wolf (?) that ate the Foster boys' horse was probably the one that ate "Little Red Riding Hood."

Rollin Towne is going to Massachusetts to live, and has some very fine cows and young stock to sell; also farming tools, etc.

Arthur Bonney spoken of in the last paper as being very low, died the 10th. His daughter Hattie, came from Portland to attend his funeral; he was buried on Patch Mt. "After life's fitful fever he sleeps well."

GILEAD.

J. W. Bennett's snow-plow has been clearing some of our roads this week.

There are now eighteen boarders at the Tavern; very many of them are men in Mr. Bennett's employ.

In the early part of the winter business here was delayed by lack of snows. At present, it is obstructed by the great amount that has fallen.

We noticed on the 19th, at the village, quite a large number of men clearing the snow from the tracks of the G. T. R. We think the trackmen must feel at times a little discouraged.

We learn that the road between Lemuel Wheeler's and E. R. Bennett's, notwithstanding the heavy fall of snow, is not obstructed as it has been in years past. Teams can pass over it. We presume none of our people will regret the change. Whether work last year done by the road sides be the cause or not, let the people determine.

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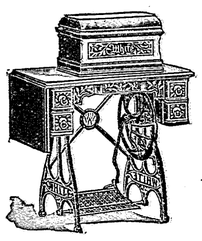
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CAVALRY IN FUTURE WARS.

The Art of the Dashing Horseman Will Not Be Eliminated.

It has been said that the days of dashing cavalrymen will soon be over and that the art of riding will become as purely a pastime as the art of sailing is destined to become by reason of the introduction of steam. This opinion is combated very vigorously by Major Kunz in his "Kriegs-Geschichtliche Beitrage." He believes that the uses of cavalry have been changed, but that its existence is not yet endangered. On the other hand, he points out that mere mounted men, as against highly trained riders under the very best leaders, are absolutely useless today. Commenting upon the many brilliant though unfortunate cavalry attacks executed by the French in 1870, he says:

"First.—A frontal attack of cavalry against victorious infantry can only be justified when the aim is to save time for the purpose of saving the beaten army. The success of such an attack is practically impossible.

"Second.—Momentary success of an attack against the flank of victorious infantry is possible. But even such an attack must end in the destruction of the force which undertakes it.

"Third.—If the enemy's infantry is beaten, cavalry may be used to advantage. But it must be faultless cavalry, led by faultless, courageous riders, men who are also perfect in their knowledge of the history and psychology of war. In such a case no thought must be given to a few hundred horses foundering on the field. The enemy's infantry must not be given time to assemble. The cavalry must endeavor to head off the fugitives, for the most disheartened of them will lead the stampede. In the rear of a flying army are always the bravest. It matters little whether the enemy loses much in killed and wounded. The question is not how to kill men, but how to discourage them, to rob them of their leaders, to destroy their organization.

"An infantry which has suffered many losses but has advanced victoriously and still has sufficient ammunition may laugh at a cavalry attack. An infantry that has been beaten and whose officers are killed, and which has lost courage in consequence, is a ready prey to enterprising cavalry. It will be said that in such a case the cavalry of the beaten army must sacrifice itself for the infantry. Quite true. The task of the attacking cavalry will then be to overthrow the horsemen of the vanquished army. If this succeeds, the stampeded horsemen will only assist in increasing the confusion of the flying infantry.

"At any rate, a few hundred men and horses dying of sheer exhaustion in the pursuit of a beaten enemy will save the trouble of another bloodthirsty battle. To train cavalry for such work is the purpose of extensive maneuvers." — Literary Digest.

Carlyle's Blumine.

Dr. Guthrie of London, the author of a celebrated treatise on gunshot wounds, married a lady who had two daughters, one of whom was Margaret Gordon, Carlyle's "Blumine." Mr. Walker saw her in 1833 when she was married to a notable Aberdonian, Sir Alexander Bannerman. He remembers her again in 1851, "fair in looks, handsome in person and accomplished in manner," and a niece of Lady Bannerman says that she had the sweetest of tempers.

Lady Bannerman accompanied her husband to his various governorships in the colonies. He died in 1862 from an accident while he was preparing to return to his native city. After his death his wife retired to a villa in Hampstead, where, being childless, she lived a solitary life and died there about 1886. She never alluded to her early relations with Carlyle, but talked freely of his character and of his works, especially the essays on Burns, Goethe, Scott and other articles in his "Miscellanies." But it is said that she talked even more of Edward Irving, who had been her tutor in mathematics. Lady Bannerman's sister survived her and is still living at a very advanced age.—Bookman.

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Great advertisers live in the history of the city and the prosperity of their firms long after they themselves have "shuffled off this mortal coil." Their announcements in the newspapers continue to bear fruit after the advertisers are dead. On the other hand, the nonadvertising business man is dead to the community long before he leaves this life, and his business is more than apt to die with him.—Savannah News.

Filling the Bill.

Husband—Does this new girl fill the bill?

Wife—You'll think so when you see the bill for dishes broken and material wasted. — Detroit Free Press.

Alabama Moving Ahead.

Alabama seems to be just now the most pushing and enterprising of the southern states. It certainly appears more alive than the most of the others to the advantages of adding new workers to its population, attracting capital from outside and developing its resources. Its interests are diversified and its leading men are fired by a noble ambition to make the most of the state and its grand opportunities.—Philadelphia Press.

Town Advertising.

In most cases when a town attempts to advertise itself it expends the money appropriated for that purpose in a long write up in one or two big metropolitan newspapers.—Printers' Ink.

Municipal Ownership.

Municipal ownership cannot be perfect in every respect, but in many cities it has proved a great blessing. It keeps down taxation and attracts population and business.—Kansas City Times.

The failure of a merchant to advertise is an advertisement of his lack of enterprise.

It is better to spend a little money in advertising now than to sell a lot of shopworn goods below cost later on.

THE PAY OF PARLIAMENTS.

Boers Get the Largest Salaries, but Our Senators Have Valuable Perquisites.

So far as payments in hard cash go the brawny burghers of the Transvaal are decidedly the best off. Quite recently the Boer parliament increased the salaries of its members to $6,000 a year for each individual, as they can very easily afford to do, when one remembers the big tax rolls which the unfranchised uitlanders are compelled to pay. But in actual emoluments the United States senator probably receives a better reward. He gets mileage and numerous minor fees and privileges, which swell his annual income materially over its nominal $5,000.

Great Britain, as every student knows, gives her members of parliament no salaries, although government officials for the time being are royally paid. The first lord of the treasury receives $25,000, as also do the foreign, home, colonial, Indian and war secretaries. The lord chancellor receives $50,000 per annum. But for the M. P. who does not hold office there is naught save honor. Even the old privilege of not being liable to arrest for debt while an M. P. has been abolished.

The British colonies, however, do not follow the example of the mother country. New South Wales and Victoria allow their M. P.'s $1,500 per annum, Canada and South Australia $1,000, with an additional mileage rate for the former, and Queensland $750, with mileage. New Zealand representatives get $1,200.

France gives its senators and deputies $1,800, but there is a "string" to this salary which might be tried elsewhere, in Vienna, for instance, with good effect. Any member who is twice called to order during a sitting forfeits half his salary for two weeks. Cases exist where certain fiery French deputies have lost their entire year's allowances in this manner.

Belgium grants members of the representatives' chamber $880 a year and passes on the railroads, but, curiously enough, makes its senators work for nothing and pay their own traveling expenses.

In the realms of the little queen of Holland members of the upper house are paid a sum equal to about $4.18 per diem for each session, but since they meet only on 30 or 32 days in the year they cannot be said to clear much. In the second chamber $830 per annum, with a traveling grant of 27 cents for every hour spent on the railroad, are the allowances. Absentee Dutch lawgivers forfeit their salaries, whether their absence be caused by illness or not.

The new Japanese parliamentary constitution compels each member of the national parliament to draw annually from the treasury about $665. Any member of the aristocratic classes refusing to accept this salary through pride or other reasons is subject to fine and dismissal by the parliamentary rules of 1890.

Portugal is niggardly with its representatives, giving them only $320, and Norway pays members from $350 to $400, according to the length of the session.

In Sweden members of the upper house serve absolutely for patriotism and the lower chamber members get only $335. Moreover, $2.75 per diem is deducted for nonattendance. Even the unpaid upper house is fined for absenteeism, although its members get nothing—not even train fares.

The Greek lawgiver is a $360 per annum man, with additions for overtime work (such as in the recent war). It was suggested recently that these salaries should be "docked" slightly, so as to help pay the Turkish indemnity, but the idea was condemned promptly. Switzerland gives her councilors something less than $5 a week, with about 6 cents a day for traveling expenses. —New York Sun.

A Popular Street Masher.



—San Francisco Examiner.

To Our Customers.
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best cough syrup we ever used ourselves or in our families. W. H. King, Isaac P. King and many others in this vicinity, have also pronounced it the best. All we want is for people to try it and they will be convinced. Upon honor, there is no better that we ever tried, and we have tried many kinds.—R. A. Blake & Sons, Big Tunnel, Va. Sold by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, and G. O. Jones, Bryant Pond.


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If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac of your druggist, under guarantee to cure, 50c or $1.00. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

CONDENSED STATEMENT
—OF THE—
GLOBE FIRE INSUR. CO.,
of the city of New York.
Incorporated in 1863.
Commenced business in 1863.
E. C. JAMESON, President,
WM. VALENTINE, Secretary.
Capital paid up in cash, $200,000.

ASSETS DEC. 31, 1897.	
Real estate owned by the company, unincumbered,	
Loans on bond and mortgage (first liens,)	$ 64,500
Stocks and bonds owned by the company, market value,	455,630 25
Loans secured by collaterals,	
Cash in company's principal office and in bank,	43,525 04
Interest due and accrued,	4,266 54
Premiums in due course of collection,	163,337 41
Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the company at their actual value,	$731,265 24
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1897.	
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims,	$122,501 10
Amount required to safely reinsure all outstanding risks,	202,524 74
All other demands against the company, viz.; commissions, etc.,	81,052 77
Total amount of liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus,	406,078 61
Capital actually paid up in cash,	200,000
Surplus beyond capital,	125,186 63
Aggregate amount of liabilities including net surplus,	$731,265 24

W. J. Wheeler & Co., Agts.,
So. Paris, Maine.
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CONDENSED STATEMENT
—OF THE—
QUEEN INSURANCE CO.,
of America.
Incorporated in Sept., 1891.
Commenced business in Sept., 1891.
JAS. A. MACDONALD, Pres.
GEO. W. BURCHELL. Sec.
Capital paid up in cash $500,000.

ASSETS, DECEMBER 31, 1897.	
Real estate owned by the company, unincumbered,	$714,970.57
Loans on bond and mortgage (first liens),	Nil
Stocks and bonds owned by the company, market value,	3,359,664.18
Loans secured by collaterals,	Nil
Cash in company's principal office and in bank,	114,940 28
Interest due and accrued,	42,174.65
Premiums in due course of collection,	244,764.49
Rents due and accrued,	2,895.83
Due for Re-ins. on losses paid,	8.84
Aggregate of all admitted assets of the company at their actual value,	$4,479,418.84
LIABILITIES, DEC. 31, 1897.	
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims,	$190,867.49
Amount required to safely re-insure all outstanding risks,	1,574,027.77
All other demands against the company, viz.; commissions, etc.,	71,212.27
Total amount of liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus,	1,836,107.54
Capital actually paid up in cash,	500,000.00
Surplus beyond capital,	2,143,311.30
Aggregate amount of liabilities including net surplus,	$4,479,418.84

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South Paris, Maine.
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CONDENSED STATEMENT
—OF THE—
Phoenix Assurance Company of London,
Incorporated in January, 1782.
Commenced business in U. S., Oct. 1879.
A. D. IRVING, Manager,
E. B. CLARK, Asst. Maanger,
L. P. BAYARD, 2nd. Asst. Manager.
Capital Paid up in Cash, $

ASSETS OF U. S. BRANCH DEC. 31, 1897.	
Real estate owned by the company, unincumbered,	Nil
Loans on bond and mortgage (first liens)	Nil
Stocks and bonds owned by the company, market value,	$2,224,952.50
Loans secured by collaterals,	Nil
Cash in company's principal office and in bank,	642,784.95
Interest due and accrued,	Nil
Premiums in due course of collection,	225,510.02
Bills receivable,	2,330.58
Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the company at their actual value	$3,095,528.05
LIABILITIES OF U. S. BRANCH, DEC. 31, '97	
Net amount of unpaid losses and claims,	$240,727.00
Amount required to safely re-insure all out-standing risks,	1,423,445.50
All other demands against the company, viz: commissions, etc.,	172,174.54
Total amount of liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus,	1,836,347.04
Capital actually paid up in cash,	1,259,181.01
Aggregate amount of liabilities including net surplus,	$3,095,528.05

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Get a Move on the People.

The mayor of Milan, Mo., has views of his own regarding town booming. His idea is as follows: Build houses, fill them with people and furnish the people with employment. After the railroad comes then you must have good country roads, else the railroads don't help much. We have no association of business men. To attract capital get a quickstep move on your people, let the world know that they are "get there" kind of people, and they will know that it "takes money to make the mare go."

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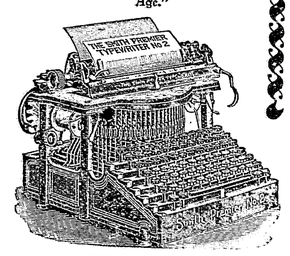
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